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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent documents and counterpart English language abstracts also are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document Nos. 1-140554, 4-475, 9-222839, 2643407, 2643449, 2718060, and 2803903 are discussed at least at page 4, line 27 through page 5, line 13 of the specification. U.S. Patent No. 4,957,584 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 2803903.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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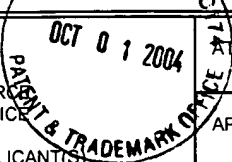
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	4,957,584	09/18/90	Castrignano, et al.	156	361		
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1-140554	09/26/89	Japan			No		
4-475	01/06/92	Japan			Abstract		
2643407	05/02/97	Japan			Abstract		
2643449	05/02/97	Japan			Abstract		
9-222839	08/26/97	Japan			Abstract		
2718060	11/14/97	Japan			Abstract		
2803903	07/17/98	Japan			Abstract		

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